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Title of Invention: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO STAIRLIFTS

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We have read the specification and understand the contents thereof, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above; that

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